

Creepshow (TV series)

Creepshow is an American horror anthology streaming television series that was released on Shudder in 2019.^[1] The series serves as a continuation of the 1982 film of the same name and features seventeen episodes with two horror stories per episode.^[1] The series premiered on September 26, 2019.^[2]

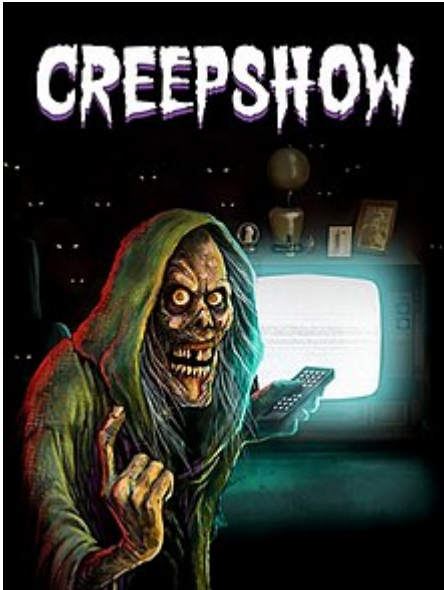
On October 30, 2019, the series was renewed for a second season.^[3] On October 30, 2020, an animated special titled *A Creepshow Animated Special* was released.^[4] On November 10, 2020, it was announced that a holiday special titled *A Creepshow Holiday Special* would premiere on December 18, 2020.^[5]

On February 18, 2021, the series was renewed for a third season, and the second season premiered on April 1, 2021. The third season debuted on September 23, 2021.^[6]

On February 10, 2022, the series was renewed for a fourth season.^[7] The fourth season premiered on October 13, 2023.^[8]

Premise

The Creep shows audience members darkly grim horror stories from the pages of the *Creepshow* comic book. Each story evokes the traits of a comic book like the first *Creepshow* film and shows

Creepshow	
	
Promotional poster	
Genre	<u>Anthology</u> <u>Horror</u>
Based on	<i>Creepshow</i> by <u>Stephen King</u> & <u>George A. Romero</u>
Developed by	<u>Greg Nicotero</u>
Composer	<u>Christopher Drake</u>
Country of origin	United States
Original language	English
No. of seasons	4
No. of episodes	23 + 2 specials (<u>list of episodes</u>)
Production	
Executive producers	<u>Russell Binder</u> <u>James Glenn Dudelson</u>

some occasional advertisements of horror products promoted in the comics. The stories detail different things including but not limited to demons, ghosts, vampires, werewolves, and zombies.

Episodes

Season	Episodes	Segments	Originally aired	
			First aired	Last ai
<div><div></div><div>1</div></div>	6	12	September 26, 2019	October 30, 2019
<div><div></div><div>Specials</div></div>	2	3	October 30, 2020	December 1, 2020
<div><div></div><div>2</div></div>	5	9	April 1, 2021	April 29, 2021
<div><div></div><div>3</div></div>	6 ^[9]	12	September 23, 2021	October 28, 2021
<div><div></div><div>4</div></div>	6	12	October 13, 2023	

Production

Development

In July 2018, the *Creepshow* television series was announced, with Greg Nicotero listed as a producer and streaming service Shudder as the distributor.^[10]

As in the original *Creepshow*, the Creep is a full-bodied puppet that delivers gags (mostly featured in the cold openings of each episode) through nonverbal cues or laughter. There were some episodes that used an animated version of the Creep.

Adaptations

On January 16, 2019, it was announced that one of the segments of the pilot episode would be based on Stephen King's short story, "Survivor Type" from his 1985 collection *Skeleton Crew*; however, that story was ultimately not used for the first season and was instead part of the animated Halloween special that aired in 2020.^[11]

As with the feature films, the series draws from short story fiction. Subsequently, the following were also announced as the basis for stories:^[1]

- *Gray Matter* by Stephen King
- *By the Silver Water of Lake Champlain* by Joe Hill
- *The Companion* by Joe R. Lansdale
- *The House of the Head* by Josh Malerman
- *The Man in the Suitcase* by Christopher Buehlman
- *All Hallows Eve* by Bruce Jones
- *Times Is Tough in Musky Holler* by John Skipp and Dori Miller

	<div>Robert Franklin</div> <div>Dudelson</div> <div>Jeff Holland</div> <div>Jordan Kizwani</div> <div><u>Greg Nicotero</u></div> <div>Stan Spry</div> <div>Brian Whitten</div> <div>Eric Scott Woods</div>
Producers	<div>Julia Hobgood</div> <div>Alex Orr</div>
Production locations	<div>Atlanta, <u>Georgia</u></div> <div>(season 1-3)</div> <div><u>Toronto</u>, <u>Ontario</u></div> <div>(season 4)</div>
Running time	42–45 minutes
Production companies	<div>Monster Agency</div> <div>Productions</div> <div>Striker</div> <div>Entertainment</div> <div>Taurus</div> <div>Entertainment</div> <div>Company</div>
Original release	
Network	<u>Shudder</u>
Release	September 26, 2019 – present

- *The Finger* by David J. Schow
- *Survivor Type* teleplay by Greg Nicotero based on short story by Stephen King
- *Twittering from the Circus of the Dead* teleplay by Melanie Dale based on short story by Joe Hill
- *Shapeshifters Anonymous* by J. A. Konrath
- *Mums* by Joe Hill
- *Grieving Process* by Mike D. McCarty

Original stories announced include:^[1]

- *Lydia Layne's Better Half* by John Harrison and Greg Nicotero
- *Skincrawlers* written by Paul Dini and Stephen Langford
- *Night of the Paw* by John Esposito
- *Bad Wolf Down* by Rob Schrab
- *Model Kid* by John Esposito
- *Public Television Of The Dead* by Rob Schrab
- *Dead and Breakfast* by Michael Rousselet and Erik Sandoval
- *Pesticide* by Frank Dietz
- *The Right Snuff* by Paul Dini, Stephen Langford and Greg Nicotero
- *Sibling Rivalry* by Melanie Dale
- *Pipe Screams* by Daniel Kraus
- *Within the Walls of Madness* by John Esposito and Greg Nicotero
- *Night of the Living Late Show* by Dana Gould
- *Queen Bee* by Erik Sandoval and Michael Rousselet
- *Skeletons in the Closet* by John Esposito
- *Familiar* by Josh Malerman
- *The Last Tsuburaya* by Paul Dini and Stephen Langford
- *Okay, I'll Bite* by John Harrison
- *Stranger Sings* by Jordana Arkin
- *Meter Reader* by John Esposito
- *Time Out* by Barrington Smith and Paul Seetachit
- *The Things in Oakwood's Past* by Greg Nicotero and Daniel Kraus
- *Drug Traffic* by Mattie Do & Christopher Larsen
- *A Dead Girl Named Sue* by Heather Anne Campbell
- *Twenty Minutes with Cassandra* by Jamie Flanagan
- *Smile* by Mike Scannell
- *The Hat* by Byron Willinger & Philip de Blasi
- *The Parent Deathtrap* by Erik Sandoval & Michael Rousselet
- *To Grandmother's House We Go* by William Butler
- *Meet the Belaskos* by John Esposito
- *Cheat Code* by Claire Carré & Charles Spano
- *Something Burrowed, Something Blue* by Todd Spence & Zak White
- *Doodles* by Zak White & Todd Spence
- *George Romero in 3-D!* by Todd Spence & Zak White
- *Baby Teeth* by Melanie Dale

Casting

In April 2019, cast members announced included Adrienne Barbeau, Giancarlo Esposito, and Tobin Bell.^[12] Subsequent announced cast members included David Arquette, Tricia Helfer, and Dana Gould.^[1] On June 20, 2019, Jeffrey Combs, Bruce Davison, DJ Qualls, Big Boi, and Kid Cudi were announced as additional cast members.^[13]

In September 2020, Anna Camp, Adam Pally, Josh McDermitt, Keith David, and Ashley Laurence were cast for the second season.^[14] Later in October 2020, Marilyn Manson, Ali Larter, Iman Benson, Ryan Kwanten, Barbara Crampton, C. Thomas Howell, Denise Crosby, Breckin Meyer, Ted Raimi, Kevin Dillon and Eric Edelstein were cast.^[15] On February 1, 2021, It was announced that Manson's episode would not air due to multiple abuse allegations^{[16][17]} and that an episode starring Molly Ringwald would air instead.^[18] In March 2021, it was announced that Justin Long and D'Arcy Carden would be starring in an episode.^[19]

Season 3 cast members include King Bach, Ethan Embry, Michael Rooker, James Remar, Reid Scott and Johnathon Schaech.^{[20][21]}

Directors

Unlike the film entries, the *Creepshow* series will feature several directors instead of one director. Announced segment directors include David Bruckner, Roxanne Benjamin, Rob Schrab, John Harrison, Greg Nicotero, and Tom Savini;^[1] the latter three having worked on the first two *Creepshow* features.

Filming

Principal photography for the series began in February 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. Season 2 began filming in September 2020; it was supposed to begin in March 2020, but was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^{[22][23][24]}

In season four, its episodes were filmed in Toronto.^[25]

Release

The series premiered on Shudder September 26, 2019.^{[1][2]}

Critical reception

The series received acclaim from critics. On Rotten Tomatoes, the series holds an approval rating of 97% based on 29 reviews with an average rating of 7.7/10. The critical consensus reads: "Delightfully eerie, *Creepshow* captures the spirit of the original while forging its own spooky path."^[26] On Metacritic, the series has a weighted average score of 64 out of 100, based on 5 critics, indicating "generally favorable reviews".^[27]

Tie-in novels

Scholastic Books released a book entitled *Creepshow: The Taker*, featuring two novellas inspired by the TV series. They were written by Elley Cooper.^[28] A followup installment was released on April 28, 2021, entitled *Creepshow: The Cursed*, also written by Elley Cooper.^[29]

Halloween Horror Nights

On August 3, 2019, Universal Parks & Resorts announced that *Creepshow* would be coming to Halloween Horror Nights exclusively at its Universal Studios Hollywood theme park. The maze featured three segments from the 1982 film ("Father's Day", "The Crate", and "They're Creeping Up on You") as well as two others from the newly made web television version for Shudder ("Gray Matter" and "Bad Wolf Down").^[30]

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